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SUBJECT: ART OBJECT FROM LIKOM

1. ACCORDING TO NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE TODAY, FURMAN HAS SENT A TELEGRAM TO THE KING OF KOM STATING THAT THE STATUE WILL BE RETURNED TO HIM. AMBASSADOR TCHOUNGUI IS QUOTED IN THE ARTICLE AS HAVING EXPRESSED HAPPINESS AND APPRECIATION OVER THE RETURN OF THE STATUE.

2. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO THE DIRECTOR OF MUSEUM OF AFRICAN ART IN WASHINGTON (WARREN ROBBINS), WHO HAS BEEN LEADING EFFORT TO COLLECT MONEY TO PURCHASE THE STATUE FROM FURMAN FOR RETURN, NEGOTIATIONS ARE STILL UNDERWAY CONCERNING COMPENSATION TO FURMAN AND THE DETAILS HAVE NOT YET BEEN IRONED OUT. IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT THERE WILL BE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THE RETURN OF THE STATUE, BUT DEPARTMENT IS CONTINUING TO MONITER AND WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED. KISSINGER

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